

would be 300 or 400 ministers where 100 would suffice, supported at an expenditure of from \$240,000 to \$320,000 instead of \$80,000, or an absolute waste of 300 to 400 men and \$220,000 to \$240,000. What might not be done for Christianity if all the energy of these devoted men, and all this wealth of means, were set free for places that are now left destitute on account of this waste? Is there not indeed a great cause for all who love the Lord Jesus and His Holy Church to pray with increased earnestness and importunity that the divisions that now so afflict the Church, and so grievously hinder its work, may speedily be healed?

But there is still a deeper and more serious cause for this lack of men. We need a great outpouring of the earnest missionary spirit upon all our people—young and old, rich and poor. Parents must be more ready to give their children to the Lord's work. Now, it is to be feared, many a boy in whose heart the Lord places a desire to serve Him, is more frequently hindered than helped by parents. Parents look at the worldly prospects of the "profession," and seeing that those prospects are but very small, instead of encouraging their children, they urge all the difficulties in the way. Is Hannah's vow an altogether exploded superstition, "I have lent him to the Lord, and as long as he liveth he shall be the Lord's?"

I am not ashamed to confess that I still have faith in a parent's consecration prayer, and that I believe that many and many of the most faithful of ministers will be found in the last great day to have been the result of an early dedication by the parent even before there was any self-choice in the child. Though there must be an inward call of the Spirit felt afterwards, before a man should presume to seek the holy office of the priesthood, it is no small help to have grown up under the sanctifying influences of a parent's dedication. Might not more also be done in our large public schools? How seldom are boys told by their masters, when they have the opportunity of speaking to them from the pulpit, of the high dignity of the priestly office, and the joy and real happiness, beyond all that can be found in other occupations, of ministering to souls as Christ's ambassadors of peace.

But, above all, there should go forth from every pulpit in the country, at least occasionally, a clear, ringing cry, "God wants not yours, but you"—a call to personal service that would constrain some, at least, to give up all to follow Christ a little closer, and to go forth to proclaim to others the message of His unsearchable riches. Why are the lips of clergymen so seldom opened to urge this call on men? Ought not the silence to cause much searching of heart? If the call were more frequently heard uttered by those whose lives were examples of the self-denial for the sake of Christ to which they called, there would soon be little cause for the complaint of want of men. O Lord, let Thy Spirit descend in greater power on Thy Church and fill the hearts of men with greater zeal.

Woman's Auxiliary Department.

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ALGOMA DIOCESE.

A BRANCH of the Woman's Auxiliary has been organized in Sault Sté Marie. The Churchwomen's Jubilee offering towards the Widows' and Orphans' Fund of Algoma Diocese has reached the sum of \$2,140.63.

Mr. Wilson's trip east with his thirty young Indians was very successful. Miss Brown, sent by Toronto Diocese, is working among the Blackfeet Indians, and other consecrated women are needed. A correspondend writes: "Mr. Wilson ought to be able to open three more schools. The Indian girl trained to home life, to English, to Christianity, will do more than any other agency for the uplifting of the Indian races. I wish you could see your way to begin a work which would send forth some of our own women into these different fields." It will be done, as the work of the Auxiliary progresses. The Secretary would be glad to receive the name of any lady having the health, bodily and spiritual, to undertake Foreign or Domestic Mission work. This would prepare the way for practical work.

RUPERT'S LAND.

THE Secretary writes from Winnipeg: "We had our meeting of Auxiliary on the last Tuesday of the month, all the members being present, with the addition of twelve new members, and as a great number have promised to come to the next meeting, it is quite encouraging. We have decided to hold our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, instead of the last, as it interfered with the Hospital Aids meeting. We have been very busy the last month canvassing for clothing and material for our boxes, have been very successful, I am glad to say, quite a number have given small sums of money. I had a visit from the missionary at Griswold, the other day. They are going to build a school-room for the Sioux children, and would like our assistance to clothe the children in a uniform. I promised in the Auxiliary's name to do all we could. English friends have promised to help them, also several of the Auxiliary branches in the east have very kindly promised to assist. I have received a letter from one of the Mission teachers in the Diocese of Saskatchewan—I will send it to you—it will give you an idea of the work among the Indians at Fort MacLeod. The Auxiliary was recognized by the Synod of Rupert's Land. E. R."

OTHER items of interest belonging to this Department reached us too late for publication this month.